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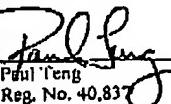
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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO
MAY 25, 2006 OFFICE ACTION**

This Communication is submitted in response to the May 25, 2006 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The May 25, 2006 Office Action indicates that pending claims 10-14 and 21 are subjected to a restriction requirement, and more specifically that examination of the application will be restricted by the Patent Office under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following allegedly distinct species:

Species I directed to an ink jet recording apparatus...wherein said ink-jet recording apparatus has a rotation control mechanism which rotates the orientation of the recording medium by putting the recording medium on a tray and then rotating the tray by 180 degrees (as applied to claim 10 in its current form).

Species II directed to an ink-jet recording apparatus...wherein said ink jet recording apparatus has a memory for storing image data that is used for printing

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image on the back side of the recording medium, front side of which has been already printed; and said ink-jet recording apparatus sends the image data to the ink-jet recording head in the reverse order so that the image data is printed on the back side of the recording medium from bottom to top direction (as applied to claim 11 in its current form).

Species III directed to an ink-jet recording apparatus...wherein said ink-jet recording apparatus which enables the printing unit to print images on the recording medium such that the vertical orientations of the images printed on both sides of the recording medium coincide with each other, comprises: a twisted path provided on the conveyance path, the shape of which is twisted so that the front and back sides of the recording medium, which passes through the twisted path, is turned upside down for substantially 180 degrees (as applied to claim 12 in its current form).

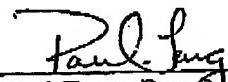
Species IV directed to an ink-jet copier/apparatus wherein the ink-jet copier/apparatus has a memory for storing data that is sent to the printing unit in the reverse order for printing in the reverse direction between one side of the recording medium and the other side of the recording medium, wherein the reverse direction means from bottom to top directions.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention of Species II. Claim 11 reads on Species II.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this response and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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